



# WHS Pipeline

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## **Fire Bill Heats Up**

The Pentagon Fire Marshal's Office has prepared and distributed a draft of the **Pentagon Fire Bill**. Once finalized, the Fire Bill will serve as a minimum set of guidelines focused primarily on protecting Pentagon occupants from the risk of fire. The regulations presented in the Bill will provide a minimum level of life safety and property protection. The Fire Bill highlights fire prevention issues that concern the entire Reservation, including decorations, smoking, storage, and gatherings.

When the Pentagon Fire Marshal's Office opened in April 2002, it was inundated with complaints – tenants removing sprinklers, corridor displays, lack of fire extinguisher training, and improper use of holiday decorations. The Fire Bill will address all of these concerns, and many more, in a single document for easy reference.

"Fire safety is only achievable when practiced by everyone," says Pentagon Fire Marshal Diane Pitts. "This Fire Bill belongs to all of us and is our tool to enhance the workplace as fire safe."

For more information about the Fire Bill or fire safety, contact [Diane Pitts](#) or call her at 695-8244.

Army Spc. Tim Brunson greets Iraqi children during a Medical Civil Assistance Program. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed, U.S. Air Force.



## Security Matters

Security is a matter taken very seriously at both the Department of Defense and WHS levels. Employees are usually granted a security clearance after completing a personnel security questionnaire, submitting fingerprints, and undergoing a background investigation.

However, some applicants are denied clearance because of activities that may diminish their reliability and trustworthiness and therefore cannot be hired for sensitive positions. An adverse eligibility decision is entered permanently on the Executive Branch security database. A person can be re-nominated and re-evaluated for clearance if the underlying problems are corrected.

Clearance denials and revocation cases in WHS are caused by a spectrum of issues, but the most common is rooted in **financial concerns**. The DoD's personnel security system reviews cases that include excessive credit card debt, vehicle repossessions, bankruptcies, ignored bills and garnishments for failure to pay child support. The Department's concern is that those who overextend themselves financially may commit illegal acts to generate funds.

If concerns about clearance eligibility arise, contact the WHS Human Resource Directorate's Security Division. Compromising security risks, personal damage and more importantly, works against WHS, Departmental and national security interests. Stayed tuned for more security information in future editions of [Personnel Hilites](#).

Raymond F. DuBois, Director of Administration and Management, will host a **National Security Personnel System (NSPS) Town Hall meeting** on Friday, July 16, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Pentagon Auditorium (Room 5A1070). For more information, call (703) 604-5960.

## WHS PERSONALITIES

The **Pentagon Building Management Office (PBMO) Dockmasters' group** might be the best kept secret at the Pentagon, jokes Supervisor Courtney McCrae. "No one knows about us unless they're trying to get something into or out of the Pentagon," he said.

This efficient team has quietly been making Pentagon operations run smoothly for the last eight years. Created by David O. "Doc" Cooke in 1996, the group has been in charge of the Remote Delivery Facility since its August 2000 opening. They are responsible for central receiving and processing for inbound and outbound shipping to the Pentagon, material assets, special events, supply management and Hazmat control. Partnering with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), the group created a unique integrated computer tracking system to keep track of materials that move in and out of the building.

"They are changing the way we do business," says Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) Management Analyst Anita Washington.

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